

Mrs. Brocklebank ~ Honors Algebra II

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Welcome to a new semester at Lipscomb Academy. I am very excited about guiding you through this math course and I can not wait to see what we will learn from each other. I have and will continue to work extremely hard to make this a wonderful experience for everyone involved. I pray that God will continue to transform all of us into the image of Christ throughout the year.

Community Rules:

Every community needs to have some expectations and rules as to how the community will function, and this community is no different. Furthermore, because you are high school students I have very high expectations of you.

1. **RESPECT** your classmates
This means keeping your hands and feet to yourself, not using profanity, being sensitive to your classmates' feelings, and refraining from distracting others, etc.
2. **RESPECT** your school
This includes following all school rules, taking good care of school materials, following dress code, etc.
3. **RESPECT** your teacher
This involves speaking at the appropriate voice levels at the appropriate times, not leaving class without permission, not disrupting class, being on time, being engaged, etc.
4. **RESPECT** yourself!
This includes working hard, bringing all materials, doing your homework, paying attention in class, studying for tests and quizzes, doing your own work, etc

Daily Expectations:

1. Come in quietly and begin working on the Bell Work (You will be counted **tardy** if you are not working on the Bell Work when the bell rings!)
2. When checking your homework label all incorrect questions as principle errors or careless errors. Prioritize your homework questions since we cannot spend the entire class time covering homework. If you know you have a lot of homework questions make time to come ask those questions outside of class.
3. Take appropriate notes during class, including the examples. The examples are often the most useful portion of the notes. Keep your notes organized according to lesson number.
4. When in math class, only work on math work, similarly do not work on math work in other classes.
5. Ask questions when you don't understand something or need extra help!
6. I expect Christ-like attitudes and behavior in all things, and will try to model these appropriately in my relationship with you.

Required Materials:

You should have all of these things with you **every** day: textbook, 3-ring binder, notebook, paper, planner, pencils w/ erasers, colored pencils or pens and your calculator. If you have to leave class to get any of these materials a hall pass will be required.

Notebook Organization:

Organization is key to being a successful math student. I suggest you use a 2", 3-ring binder that is to be used for math only with dividers for the following sections: Bell Work, Notes, and Homework. I also suggest a spiral notebook you use for math homework only. All papers should be kept in your notebook in the appropriate section. Do not throw anything away as there will be homework checks throughout each nine weeks. There should not be any loose papers in your notebook, backpack, locker, or textbook.

Calculator Use:

We will use calculators a lot this year. However, there will also be some assignments and tests I will not allow calculator use. Be prepared for this by not becoming “addicted” to using them.

Grading System:

Test and Quizzes65%

Homework and Homework Quizzes.....35%.

Within each category each assignment will be worth a different amount of points which will vary depending on the difficulty of the assignment and the amount of work required. Usually tests will be worth 100 points, quizzes will be worth 20- 50, homework checks and quizzes will be worth 5-20 points. There will also be a major year-long project assigned with specific portions due each quarter. There may also an opportunity for bonus points via test corrections, hall passes, and review games given at my discretion.

Homework:

You will have math homework almost every night. Independent work is a critical part of learning mathematics. It is important that you get all of your homework questions answered, so if we do not have time to cover all your questions during class make time to come see me outside of class. Furthermore, if you did not understand the homework make sure that after you understand it you go back and re-do the problems you were not successful on the night before. This will make a big difference in your level of success. Your responsibility with homework:

- Complete homework before entering the room. (If you don’t know what to do...do something or come see me!)
- Complete homework neatly and in pencil. (Which includes having the correct heading with the section number and problems assigned)
- Do your own work! Copying homework is plagiarism (and unhelpful for you).
- **Show all work** in the correct form!
- Prepare your questions for class and if necessary ask questions outside of class.
- Re-do correctly any homework problems you did not understand.

Homework will be graded randomly through several methods, including grades for completion, grades for accuracy, homework quizzes, and POP quizzes over recently covered content. You will only receive credit if the problem is written first and all work is shown. No work shown means no credit is received

Clarification on the Cheating Policy:

Any assignment that has the potential of being graded is expected to be completed independently. This includes tests, quizzes, homework assignments, classwork assignments, bell work, pop quizzes, test corrections, etc. I encourage students to collaborate and learn from one another by asking each other questions and explaining the problems to one another. Collaboration of that kind is an excellent learning experience for everyone involved. However, copying of any kind on any assignment will not be tolerated! It is cheating to copy someone else’s work. It is also cheating to give a classmate your work to copy. In cases where a student is caught cheating I will follow the policy as outlined in the school handbook and the student will be disciplined accordingly (Cheating is considered a level 2 or 3 offense).

Absences/Late Work:

If you have a pre-arranged absence you are to pre-arrange your work with me. If you have an unplanned absence, you should look on RenWeb for your assignments. It is your responsibility, not mine, to see me to discuss any assignments or to get help on new material. You should get notes from the lessons you missed from a classmate. The Lipscomb policy states that a student may have one day for each day absent to turn in missing work. After that time has expired the work is considered to be late. Any assignments turned in late will only receive 60% of the earned grade. Late homework should be completed as soon as possible and will only be accepted until you test on that subject!

If you ever need help, please let me know. If you ask, I am more than happy to help you before or after school. Asking questions will help you be successful!

Please Return Within The Week. You should keep the letter for your records.

I have read and understood these expectations and procedures and agree to abide by the requirements of this learning community.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

What would you like for me to know about your child?
